

NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY

Grand Haven Area Public Schools

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SPECIAL NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 22, 2015 **Time:** 5:30 P.M. **Location:** 1415 S Beechtree St, Grand Haven

1. Call to order: Chairperson Mike Fritz – 5:30pm

2. Present: Kathy Kuck, Robinson Twp.
Mike Fritz, Grand Haven
Bill Hunter, Grand Haven
Pat Twa, Ferrysburg
Craig Bessinger, Ferrysburg

Absent: Tracy Mulligan, Robinson Twp.
Mary Jane Belter, Grand Haven Twp.
Mike Hutchins, Grand Haven Twp.
Carl Truetler, GHAPS

Also Present: Bill Cargo, Grand Haven Twp
Jill Vander Stel, NORA Coordinator
Liza Dora, NORA Assistant
Pam Blough, PM Blough

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda & meeting minutes of September 24, 2015 as printed.
Motion by Bessinger, second by Hunter. Approved unanimously.

4. New Business

A. NORA Millage Planning- Pam Blough

1. Rec Plan – Blough distributed a revised copy and gave an update of the NORA Sports Group's Survey. Blough said that it would be sent out to target groups next week, made available for 10 days with 2 reminders and result information available at next meeting. Vander Stel announced the GH Community Foundation Application has been submitted, that will help fund the survey, develop the collaborations with other communities, and update the Rec Plan. Scientific surveys will be the next step and Fritz suggested looking at the survey that is available thru the University of Michigan. Blough said she is updating the parks and inventory lists to include Robinson Twp. So they will be included in the information we already have from the Grand Region Plan for our Rec Plan.
2. Property Update – Cargo gave an updated on the 118 acre acquisition of the Witteveen property. The trust lists restrictions to 80 acres on this property. Approximately 36 acres could possibly be developed into sports fields. He also stated 40 acres from TRF Grant acquisition may be available for some sports fields.
3. YMCA Collaboration – Michelle Bailey-Mesler has been named the permanent director. Vander Stel noted that it would be good to re-establish meeting with them again.

5. Old Business - Fritz brought a copy of a quote that was given to TCKL on the actual improvements the City is proposing at Sluka field. Fritz asked for an explanation of the maintenance fees being charged to the groups by GHAPS in addition to what NORA is charging continuous user fees. He asked if they are being charged twice. Vander Stel explained that the Continuous User Fees are charged to do improvements for field damage from above and beyond the normal day to day use of the fields. GHAPS Maintenance Fees are for custodial fees, cleaning fees, electricity, heat, etc. Vander Stel said this is something GHAPS charges and it would be best to talk to Ted Rescorla, GHAPS Operations Director regarding more details.
6. Public Comments - none
7. Next Scheduled Meeting: November 19, 2015, 5:30 P.M. at the ESC

Adjourned: 6:15pm

Prepared by: Liza Dora, NORA Assistant
Jill Vander Stel, NORA Coordinator

Approved Minutes Date: _____

NORA Board of Trustee Secretary Signature: _____